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AMBASSADOR FROM SECRETARY

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Report reaction NIACT.

Would wish instructions to Ambassador Luis Batian Pinto to read substantially as follows:

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Mr. Smith:

Mr. Alexis Johnson called re this. Said he had caught Mr. Bundy at the Department and Mr. Bundy had taken care of it. No action is necessary here.

OK.  
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DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE

WASHINGTON

October 26, 1962

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE HONORABLE McGEORGE BUNDY

SUBJECT: Proposed Message to Castro.

Attached is a revised draft of the proposed message to Castro which the President said he desired to review before it was transmitted. While the message is still in the form of a telegram to Rio, there are problems of transmittal to Habana on which we are working. Therefore, there may have to be some change in channels.

  
U. Alexis Johnson

Enclosure:

As stated.

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State Dept Letter 8/10/73

By *DeMeyer* NARS, Date 9/15/74

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT

October 26, 1962

The Honorable Lyndon Johnson

The attached draft EYES ONLY telegram to Rio de Janeiro is to be considered at the Friday meeting of the Executive Committee of the National Security Council.

Copies have been transmitted to the other members of the Committee.

*WHS*  
William H. Brubeck

Attachment

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